



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER MAY 2017



Hello Parish Safeguarding Reps!

We hope you are all keeping well and are getting ready for some lovely summer weather!

We would like to welcome five new PSR's, Eva Eugine Antao-Bento from St Anthony's Slough, Katarzyna Danielewicz from Our Lady of Czestochowa, Milton Keynes, Louise Boyle from St Mary Magdalene's and St Francis De Sales, Milton Keynes, Rosina Majoni from St Ethelbert, Slough and Sister Margaret Abbott from Daughters of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you

Danielle & Lorraine



Safer Recruitment: Clear Roles and Responsibilities for Volunteers

A lack of clarity about the role of an volunteer and about accountability to ensure people are operating according to their role, allows those who are abusive to create the conditions where abuse can occur without others becoming aware that something is wrong. Therefore, good practice is giving all volunteers a clear description of their specific roles in their contact with children, young people and adults. A role description should include:

- A detailed description of the work;
- A list of responsibilities, including the responsibility to become familiar with the National Safeguarding Policies and Procedures;

The duty to promote safe practice, minimise all risks of abuse and maximise the response to reports of concern;

Include clear and detailed content that reflects the specific nature of the role or the specific aspect of the role that justifies the requirement for a DBS Disclosure (where appropriate).

Volunteers should sign a document to indicate that they have received and understood their role description and agree to adhere to the National Safeguarding policies and procedures. (Form attached). This should be retained by the PSR. Any contact that an individual has with a child/young person in a particular role must be within the confines of that role and responsibility. Good practice role descriptions should be reviewed annually to ensure it still adequately represents the role.

For more information, please visit: www.csasprocedures.uk.net/p_nat_pol_crea.html#safer_recruit



Renewals

The Safeguarding Office is 'open for business' with regards to processing renewals. Please can you go through your list of active volunteers and apply for any renewals that are outstanding for those with certificate 3 years and over. This is important in terms of good practice in relation to safer recruitment being an ongoing process.

Child Sexual Exploitation

Three Girls, a three-part BBC One drama based on the true stories of victims of grooming and sexual abuse in Rochdale aired recently. The drama looked at the way in which these girls were groomed, how they were ignored by the authorities directly responsible for protecting them, and how they eventually made themselves heard. The CSAS procedures manual highlights this topic within the additional safeguarding resources section (Information attached or visit http://www.csasprocedures.uk.net/p_ch_sexual_exploit.html)



Safeguarding Support Meetings

These meetings are booked for: Northampton: The Cathedral Scout Hut Thursday 1st June 6pm-8pm , Kettering: St Edward Parish Church Hall Thursday 8th June 6pm-8pm , Bedford: SS Philip and James Parish Hall Thursday 15th June 6pm-8pm, Luton: St Johns the Apostle Hall Thursday 29th June 6pm-8pm , Milton Keynes: St Augustine Hall Wednesday 5th July 6pm-8pm and Beaconsfield: St Teresa of the Child Jesus Hall Thursday 13th July 6pm-8pm.

The Meetings will cover:

- DBS process
- Safer recruitment
- Safeguarding plans
- Safeguarding updates

Please let me know if you would like to attend if you have not managed to already!



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